

CHAPTER NO. 231

HOUSE BILL NO. 1945

By Representative Borchert

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2135

By Senator Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to physician orders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 68-11-259. A licensed home care organization is authorized to receive and appropriately act on a written order for a plan of care for a patient concerning a home health service signed by a physician that is transmitted to the licensed home care organization by electronically signed electronic mail. Such order that is transmitted by electronic mail shall be deemed to meet any requirement for written documentation imposed by rule pursuant to this part.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 12, 2005**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR